

THE FARMING WORLD.

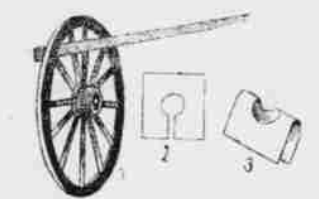
TIGHTENING TIRES.

A Scheme That Works Far Better Than the Hot-Oil Process.

Every little while some one gets into the agricultural papers with the old hot-oil-tire-tightening-act; and we want to head the rest off because we know a scheme worth a dozen of it, one that will actually give satisfactory results and with much less "monkeying." Not one case in a dozen can be properly tightened or kept tight by the hot-oil process. If the tires are noticeably loose, we went to the trouble and expense of securing a cast-iron trough, "made on purpose" for the business, so that the oil could be kept boiling hot and thus increase its capacity for entering the felloe, and thought that we had a dead sure thing, except that we oiled the wheels all over, and everything else in sight, and burned up a gallon or two of oil. We did not get results to speak of. It is the writer's opinion that if there is plenty of paint mixed in with the oil it will give satisfaction when put on after the tires are tight. But seriously, if a tire is really loose, it can't be tightened by oiling any way, and most people let vehicles run as long as they can, especially if the tires are bolted on.

The expense of equipment and oil and bother of going over the performance after one day in the mud followed by dry weather, is too great for the good there is in it. The writer has tried it all out and knows whereof he speaks.

The way to tighten tires is to place a leather washer between the shoulders of spokes and felloe. This plan allows of driving the spokes into the hubs as solid as new. Fig. 1 shows how with a lever and fulcrum resting on the



hub (don't take the wheel off the vehicle) the felloe can be easily lifted sufficiently to slip a split washer made of hard leather (see Fig. 2) between spoke and felloe. Old harness strap or old boot leather makes good washers. Fold the leather as in Fig. 3 to cut the hole to fit the spoke tenon, then divide one side of the washer. Use the hammer over each spoke more or less freely according to strength and size of the wheel. Set the wheel together strong if possible. Don't trim outside of washer until you are through.

This plan is far better than any blacksmith can do because you know just what you are doing to a tire's breadth. You can give the wheel exactly the dish needed and will have no difficulty with rim bound wheels afterward. No blacksmith on earth can put just the right tension on a wheel.

Light work is especially liable to be spoiled, even by the most expert smiths. The way we happened to "get on to" the scheme, was because the tires on a speeding sulky needed setting; we had tried the oil process, and it was dollars to apples that the blacksmith would ruin the wheels; in studying the matter it luckily dawned on our mind that leather washers would do the business, and they did, as the wheels have stood several years' hard usage and have never flinched. The plan has worked equally well on all manner of vehicles.

Only a few days ago a heavily loaded stone wagon stopped at my place, the driver inquiring for a blacksmith shop; he had a tire almost off. The shop was a mile away and the driver, in a quandary, he had pounded the tire on until he could go no farther. The writer offered to tighten the tire for him. In fifteen minutes the tire was on as tight as a drum, the spokes driven into the wheel as solid as new, and the driver went on his way rejoicing.

Where there is a looseness between felloe, spoke and hub, there is no way on earth for the blacksmith to tell how much to upset the tire.

By this plan you know what you are doing all the time. If the wagon is old and the spokes very loose in hub it may be necessary to fasten them in the hub with nails or wood wedges, or the prying will lift the spoke out of the hub instead of the felloe off its tenon.

With nicely painted carriages use light washers and great care in trimming the washers close, carefully avoiding marring the paint, and it will never be noticed.

If the wheels are entirely dry when tires are tightened this way and kept painted they will never need tightening again; indeed if a wheel is properly made in the first place and kept well painted the tires will never loosen. The rims of wheels should be painted from one to four times a year, according to usage.—Ohio Farmer.

TIMELY FARM HINTS.

To OBTAIN a good catch of clover on a sandy soil the earlier it is sown the surer the catch.

Never send out a package of butter you are not proud to have your name and address on in plain letters.

Late cabbages will continue to grow even after the first light frosts appear. Keep the ground loose and well cultivated around the plants.

DISEASE may be carried from one tree to another by the pruning knife. Always dip the knife in a weak solution of carbolic acid after use.

EVERY limestone soil is benefited by an application of lime, as the lime is different in composition from the insoluble carbonate of lime in the soil.

ONE HUNDRED bushels of corn to the acre means 7,000 pounds of ear corn and 8,000 pounds of fodder, or 15,000 pounds dry, or between twenty and thirty tons green.

MOLTING hens should be given an allowance of linseed meal once a day for a week, a gill of linseed meal in the soft food of ten hens being an allowance for one day.

THE POULTRY YARD.

Its Importance Is Growing from Year to Year.

Some farmers and poultrymen figure out their profits too soon, and this is why they say it does not pay. They forget their own inability to market them properly; by this I mean to get nearer to the consumer, not allowing the commission man, the huckster and dealer to gobble the lion's share of the actual profits his own labor produces. He, poor fellow, must be content with the leavings, in many cases so meager as to discourage rather than encourage him to work this branch of farming harder than ever. This has been the cause of the depreciation of values in farming lands, and driving the farmer's family to our large cities, to an easier life. But they find after settling in town that it is a failure; their little money is gone and they are worse off than ever before.

The marketing of poultry, as well as every farm product, should be more carefully done—getting each product to the consumer and giving him the advantage of a portion of the profits the middleman scalps. You will win his friendship, good will and respect, and, what is best of all, his patronage continually. Seek the better class of customers, rich city families wanting a choice pair or dozen chickens each week, or a regular supply of strictly fresh farm eggs at prices that are the market, or above it in some cases. Even at market rates your profits will be yours and not the middleman's. Do you not see? You will be surprised to see how many people want the best poultry and eggs, and are always willing to pay top prices. They want to be sure of what they are getting. Once your honesty is proven to them, you are sure of poultry becoming remunerative and a great pleasure.

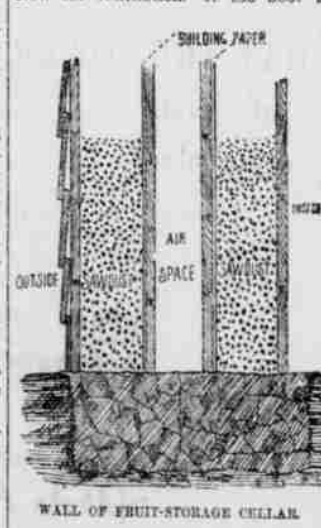
Besides the private consumers, the better class of cafes, hotels, restaurants and hospitals should command your attention, as they usually pay good prices for the gilt-edge fowl or fruit of the hen, both of which can be produced cheaply and successfully by any intelligent farmer who will but give the same attention and energy he devotes to his farm.

The vastness of poultry culture, its wide field and growing markets, extending in all directions from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, and from the British provinces to the Gulf of Mexico, make it an industry that cannot help being profitable. The marketing of poultry for export to the European markets, supplying food for the large standing armies of Russia, France, Germany, Turkey, Austria and England, has but just begun. The large packing houses throughout the states of Illinois and Kansas make a new industry that even the beef and pork packers have been surprised at, and is winning the attention of capitalists in these large centers. It is therefore a question of but a few years' time until the poultry yard will be producing food in the form of canned meats for the civilized world.—Ohio Farmer.

FRUIT STORAGE CELLAR.

It Affords Protection Against Freezing and Perfect Ventilation.

The building can be made any size or form desired, provided you secure protection against freezing and perfect ventilation. In localities where the winter temperature is apt to fall to 35 degrees below zero, such a building must be very carefully constructed, and I think the following plans would answer the purpose: The foundation should be of stone, two feet thick. Set 2x4 joists, 10 feet high for one story, two feet apart upon this foundation walls. Line up each side of the joists with good matched boards, and paper the same with building-paper. This will leave an air chamber four inches wide in the center of the wall. On each side of this nail 2x6 plank and cover it with siding on the outside, but with matched boards on the inside, filling the 6-inch space with sawdust slightly packed. For the roof use 2x10 plank ceiled on both sides, and the space filled with sawdust. The outside of the roof must be covered with waterproof roofing. There should be two doors, one to open inward and the other outward, and they must be made thick, so that the resistance to heat or cold will be about the same here as on the sides and ends. If windows are used, four sashes, about 2 or 3 inches apart and closely fitted, will be required. Now for ventilation. If the floor is



high, so that water will not stay on it, I would leave a hole under the wall within a foot of the corner at each end. Build it up one foot above the ground, and cover it securely in such a manner as to be easy of access to open or close, as necessity may require. Then in the center of the roof leave a hole, say 19 inches square, protected as you would the ventilator in an icehouse. The hole can be fitted with a door, either to swing or slide. This system will give perfect ventilation. Unless the temperature inside should be above 35 degrees, the outside ventilators should not be open. This plan will answer well in summer or winter. Any carpenter ought to be able to get a good idea of the building from this description.—J. Heagerty, in American Gardening.

MARKET REPORTS.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Receipts, 4,455; sales, 12,750; shipped, 1,433; calves, 25. The market was strong. The following are representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS	
40 Col.	1.37 3.04
100 Col.	1.38 3.04
150 Col.	1.39 3.04
200 Col.	1.40 3.04
250 Col.	1.41 3.04
300 Col.	1.42 3.04
350 Col.	1.43 3.04
400 Col.	1.44 3.04
450 Col.	1.45 3.04
500 Col.	1.46 3.04
550 Col.	1.47 3.04
600 Col.	1.48 3.04
650 Col.	1.49 3.04
700 Col.	1.50 3.04
750 Col.	1.51 3.04
800 Col.	1.52 3.04
850 Col.	1.53 3.04
900 Col.	1.54 3.04
950 Col.	1.55 3.04
1,000 Col.	1.56 3.04

COOKING AND FEEDING.

TEXAS AND INDIAN COWS	
28	1.00 1.15
30	1.01 1.16
32	1.02 1.17
34	1.03 1.18
36	1.04 1.19
38	1.05 1.20
40	1.06 1.21
42	1.07 1.22
44	1.08 1.23
46	1.09 1.24
48	1.10 1.25
50	1.11 1.26
52	1.12 1.27
54	1.13 1.28
56	1.14 1.29
58	1.15 1.30
60	1.16 1.31
62	1.17 1.32
64	1.18 1.33
66	1.19 1.34
68	1.20 1.35
70	1.21 1.36
72	1.22 1.37
74	1.23 1.38
76	1.24 1.39
78	1.25 1.40
80	1.26 1.41
82	1.27 1.42
84	1.28 1.43
86	1.29 1.44
88	1.30 1.45
90	1.31 1.46
92	1.32 1.47
94	1.33 1.48
96	1.34 1.49
98	1.35 1.50
1,000	1.36 1.51

STOCKS AND FEEDING.

MIXED	
10 Col.	1.37 3.04
20 Col.	1.38 3.04
30 Col.	1.39 3.04
40 Col.	1.40 3.04
50 Col.	1.41 3.04
60 Col.	1.42 3.04
70 Col.	1.43 3.04
80 Col.	1.44 3.04
90 Col.	1.45 3.04
1,000 Col.	1.46 3.04

Hogs—Receipts, 3,895; shipped, yesterday, 2,041. The market opened active and steady to strong and closed easy to weaker. The following are representative sales:

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.	
Cattle	Receipts, 3,000; sales, 1,500; shipped, 1,500.
Hogs	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Sheep	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Pigs	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Calves	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Stags	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Wethers	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Goats	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Horses	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Carriage horses	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Tramway horses	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Stage horses	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Coach horses	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Cart horses	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Tramway mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Stage mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Coach mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Cart mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Tramway donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Stage donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Coach donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Cart donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Tramway mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Stage mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Coach mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Cart mules	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Tramway donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Stage donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Coach donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.
Cart donkeys	Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; sales, 1,500; shipped, 1,500. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Pigs—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Calves—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Stags—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Wethers—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Goats—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Donkeys—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Mules—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Horses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Carriage horses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Tramway horses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Stage horses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Coach horses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Cart horses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Tramway mules—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Stage mules—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Coach mules—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Cart mules—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Tramway donkeys—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Stage donkeys—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Coach donkeys—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Cart donkeys—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Corn—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Oats—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Rye—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Barley—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Clover—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Hay—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Straw—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Fodder—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Fuel—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Lumber—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Building materials—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Machinery—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Tools—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Hardware—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Paints—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Glass—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Paper—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Textiles—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Clothing—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Shoes—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Hats—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Umbrellas—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Trunks—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Suitcases—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Bags—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Boxes—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Crates—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Casks—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Drums—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Kegs—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Buckets—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Pails—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Tubs—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Bathtubs—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Sinks—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Stoves—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Ranges—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Washers—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Dryers—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Grinders—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Mills—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Crushers—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Sifters—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Sieves—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Strainers—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Filters—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Screens—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Meshes—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Nets—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Trawls—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Dredges—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Booms—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Buoys—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Beacons—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Lighthouses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Foghorns—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Whistles—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Bells—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Gongs—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Chimes—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Organs—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Pianos—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Harps—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Violins—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Cellos—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Double basses—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Trombones—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Trumpets—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. Saxophones—Receipts, 1,000; sales, 1,000; shipped, 1,000. Market steady. 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